

REMARKS


Reconsideration of the present application is respectfully requested.

Claims 1 and 5-7 have been rejected under 35 USC §102(b) as being anticipated by Feder. Without addressing the merits of the Examiner's rejection, Applicants have canceled these claims without prejudice or disclaimer, thereby rendering the Examiner's rejection moot.

Applicants note with appreciation the Examiner's indication that claims 2-4 and 8 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form to include the limitations of base claim 1 and any intervening claims. Applicants have canceled claims 1-7, and have rewritten claim 8 to include the limitations of base claim 1 and in a manner that overcomes the Examiner's objection to original claim 1. Applicants have also added new claims 9-11. Claim 9 corresponds generally to original claim 2 written in independent form to include the limitations of original claim 1, and claims 10 and 11 correspond generally to original claims 3 and 4.

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the present application is now believed to be in condition for allowance. A prompt notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Please charge any additional fees that may be due to Deposit Account No. 50-1147.

Respectfully submitted,



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